

Friday, November 9th, 2001

Ms Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary
Trade Policy Staff Committee
Office of the USTR, 600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

Re: Request for Exclusion from Import Relief under Section 203

Dear Ms Blue:

Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation (KUCC) operates a copper mine located in Magna, Utah.

In order to grind and crush ore, KUCC uses AltaSteel's HTR50 grinding rod in our Bonneville Concentrator. The concentrator is currently shutdown however may reopen in the future.

AltaSteel HTR50 grinding rods are made using a unique and proprietary heat treatment process. Grinding rods are hot rolled and heat-treated in a patented process in order to meet our specific physical requirements. We used 4 inch diameter x 17 ft 4 1/4" in.

AltaSteel grinding rods enter the United States under HTR# 7228.30.8050.

We request that AltaSteel grinding rods be excluded because there are no other producers of heat-treated grinding rods in the United States. When operating Kennecott consumed approximately 1,800 tons of grinding rods annually.

Any additional tariff will only add to our costs.

Alta Steel produces heated treated grinding rods to US patent number 5,902,423 -Heat Treatment of Grinding Rod (HTR50).

We appreciate the opportunity to request this exclusion and if there are any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dallas F. Stevens".

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